

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JENS KRAMER, et al.

Serial No.: 10/747,723

Filed: DECEMBER 23, 2003

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM  
FOR CONTROLLING THE CHEMICAL  
MECHANICAL POLISHING BY USING  
A SENSOR SIGNAL OF A PAD  
CONDITIONER

Group Art Unit: 3723

Examiner: Maurina T. Rachuba

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2000.109500

Customer No.: 23720

Conf. No.: 5881

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

**MAIL STOP RCE**

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

1. 

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114
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a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on June 16, 2006.

(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations

iv. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) **required**)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ **The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Williams, Morgan & Amerson's, Deposit Account No.50-0786/2000.109500**

- i. ☒ RCE fee required \$790.00 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee \$120.00 under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17(a)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 28, 2006

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